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for

1939

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE YIEWSLEY AND WEST DRAYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my first annual report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the district for the year 1939.

This report has been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health instructions and restricted to urgent matters.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of the district is at present constituted as follows:-

Parish	Acres
Yiewsley	1,091
West Drayton	878
Harmondsworth	3,308

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General's Estimate of Population of the district at the mid-year 1939 is 16,050. The estimated mid-year populations in 1937 and 1938 were 15,570 and 15,670 respectively.

Estimated population at end of 1939 was 17,366.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES AT END OF YEAR.

Parish	1936	1937	1938	1939
Yiewsley	2,130	2,199	2,204	2,230
West Drayton	1,130	1,175	1,286	1,422
Harmondsworth	905	944	930	918
	4,165	4,318	4,420	4,570

The estimate on previous page includes shops with living accommodation, flats, and the Married Quarters of the Royal Air Force Depot.

RATEABLE VALUE OF THE DISTRICT.

The following tables show the rateable value of the district over the past four years.

Parish.	1936	1937	1938	1939
Yiewsley	£48,395	£48,716	£49,212	£50,593
West Drayton ..	£25,518	£26,516	£29,237	£29,969
Harmondsworth ..	£19,186	£19,929	£23,628	£24,551
	£93,099	£95,161	£102,077	£105,113

Estimated product of a Penny Rate:-

1936	1937	1938	1939
£368	£378	£399	£420

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

		Total	Males	Females
Live Births.	Legitimate	264	126	138
	Illegitimate	5	3	2
	Total	269	129	140

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 16.77 (1938, 18.63)

		Total	Males	Females
Still Births.	Legitimate	13	6	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
	Total	13	6	7

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 17.58 (1938, 19.14)

DEATHS.

Total	Males	Females
128	73	55

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, 9.32.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes	1	3.55
Total	1	3.55

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-			
Legitimate	8	3	11
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Totals	8	3	11

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-
All infants per 1,000 live births, 40.89.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, 41.67.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, 0.00.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages), 18.
Deaths from Measles (all ages), Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), 2.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1939.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	1	1
Influenza	1	-	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	-	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	-
General Paralysis of Insane, etc.	-	-	-
Cancer	7	11	18
Diabetes	1	1	2
Cerebral Heamorrhage	2	3	5
Heart Disease	27	15	42
Aneurysm	-	-	-
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	7	9
Bronchitis	-	2	2
Pneumonia	9	2	11
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	2	-	2
Diarrhoea (2 years and over)	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-
Other diseases of liver	1	-	1
Other digestive diseases	3	-	3
Nephritis	-	-	-
Puerperal sepsis	-	-	-
Other puerperal causes	-	1	1
Congenital causes, etc.	2	1	3
Senility	1	2	3
Suicide	2	-	2
Other violence	4	1	5
Other defined causes	8	5	13
Ill-defined causes	-	-	-
Totals	73	55	128

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL DEATH RATES AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1939.

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	148 Smaller Towns, Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census	London Administrative County	Yiewsley and West Drayton
	Rates per 1,000 Population.				
BIRTHS:-					
Live	15.0	14.8	15.6	12.3	16.77
Still	0.59	0.59	0.57	0.44	0.81
DEATHS:-					
All causes	12.1	12.0	11.2	11.9	9.32
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.00
Diphtheria	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.06
Influenza	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.18	0.06
NOTIFICATIONS:-					
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scarlet Fever	1.89	1.96	1.78	1.53	1.62
Diphtheria	1.14	1.21	1.16	0.98	1.31
Enteric	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.00
Erysipelas	0.34	0.40	0.31	0.37	0.06
Pneumonia	1.02	1.21	0.89	0.99	0.81
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births.				
DEATHS:-					
Under 1 year of age	50	53	40	48	40.89
From Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	4.6	6.7	3.0	8.2	7.43
MATERNAL MORTALITY					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.77)	NOT AVAILABLE			0.00
Others	2.16)				3.72
Total	2.93)				3.72
	Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live & Still)				
MATERNAL MORTALITY					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.74)	NOT AVAILABLE			0.00
Others	2.08)				3.55
Total	2.82)				3.55
NOTIFICATIONS:-					
Puerperal fever) Puerperal pyrexia)	14.35	17.20	12.99	3.31) 14.23)	3.55

SPECIAL CAUSES OF SICKNESS OR INVALIDITY.

There were no special causes of sickness or invalidity during the year except Influenza. This district suffered with the rest of the country from the epidemic occurring in the early part of the year. As mentioned previously most cases ran a mild course but some gave rise to anxiety.

ENTERIC FEVER.

There were no cases of this disease notified during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA LABORATORY FACILITIES.

All medical practitioners are authorised to send throat swabs from suspected cases of Diphtheria and sputum from suspected cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis for examination by the Clinical Research Association Ltd., of Watergate House, London. The charge is then met by the Council.

The fee payable for examination of specimens other than throat swabs and sputum from suspected Tubercular cases is not payable by the Council unless the practitioner has previously obtained the concurrence of the Medical Officer of Health.

In addition a supply of Diphtheria Antitoxin is kept available for all practitioners who may desire to use it in suspected cases.

The Middlesex County Council has made arrangements whereby practitioners may have specimens from suspected cases of venereal disease examined free of charge at certain special hospitals.

The examination of water supplies and foodstuffs is carried out by the County Analyst.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The vast majority of patients from this district requiring conveyance by ambulance are for removal to Hillingdon County Hospital. This hospital provides its own ambulance service during the daytime (i.e. up to 10 p.m.). In addition the Council has an agreement with the Uxbridge Urban District Council whereby the Council's ambulance, which is garaged at Messrs. Norman Reeves, Uxbridge, may be engaged for removal of patients in this district. Should the Uxbridge ambulance be engaged when a call is received the Hayes and Harlington Urban District Council ambulance takes the call.

I have every reason to believe that the ambulance services maintained a high degree of efficiency and promptness and our present arrangement with Uxbridge Urban District Council seems to me adequate at the present time although in the not far distant future the wholetime services of an ambulance for this district will be required.

The scale of fees for the use of the ambulance is as follows:- 1s. per mile plus a waiting charge of 2s. 6d. an hour and a charge for an extra attendant of 2s. per hour. The first 5s. of any bill is paid by the Council.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

There are no hospitals coming under the direct supervision of the Urban District Council.

The following is a list of those hospitals available for inhabitants of this district.

HILLINGDON COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The Middlesex County Hospital at Hillingdon, including the Hillingdon Institution, accepts all general medical and surgical cases from this district. Maternity cases are also accepted by arrangement with the hospital.

UXBRIDGE JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Uxbridge Joint Isolation Hospital admits all cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, enteric fever, erysipelas, cerebro-spinal meningitis, encephalitis lethargica and acute polio-encephalitis, complicated cases of measles, whooping cough and chicken-pox are also admitted.

The Hospital is managed by a board of representatives of the local authorities making use of its services.

During the year 1939, 49 cases of infectious disease were admitted from this district.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SANATORIUM.

The Middlesex County Sanatorium, Harefield, now rebuilt and enlarged, admits cases of tuberculosis from this district.

The County Sanatorium at Clare Hall, South Mimms, also receives patients from this area.

COTTAGE HOSPITALS.

The Uxbridge and District Cottage Hospital and the Harlington, Harmondsworth and Cranford Cottage Hospital receive general medical and surgical cases from this district.

OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT.

Children suffering from defective vision whose parents desire to avail themselves of the provision made by the Middlesex Education Committee are referred to the Committee's Ophthalmic Surgeon at Whitehall Council School, Uxbridge.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

The scheme of the County Council for the treatment of ophthalmia neonatorum occurring in infants living in the Maternity and Child Welfare area for which the Council is responsible provides for:-

(1) The admission of infants suffering from the disease accompanied by their mothers to St. Margaret's Hospital (London County Council Special Hospital Service).

(2) The domiciliary nursing of cases.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

All clinics in the district are under the direction of the Middlesex County Council. The following is a list of those available to the inhabitants of this district.

YIEWSLEY AND WEST DRAYTON Central Hall, Fairfield Road, Yiewsley. Tuesdays and Fridays, 2 p.m. Ante-natal clinic, Thursdays, 2 p.m. HARMONDSWORTH. Old School, Moor Lane, Harmondsworth. Thursdays, 2.30 p.m. Ante-natal clinic, 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month at 9.30 a.m.	Maternity and Child Welfare.
Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Central Hall, Yiewsley	Minor Ailments Clinic.
*Dr. J. T. Nicol-Roe, M.D., Tuberculosis Officer to the Middlesex County Council. 156 High Street Uxbridge, Middlesex. Thursdays, 2 p.m.	Tuberculosis.
*West London Hospital, Hammersmith. Weekdays 7.30 a.m. - 7.30 p.m. Sundays 10 a.m.-noon. St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Weekdays. 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. (except Sats). Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Thursdays, 2 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Venereal Disease
*Whitehall Council School, Uxbridge. Mondays 9.30 a.m.	Ophthalmic Clinic (children).
Central Hall, Fairfield Road, Yiewsley. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.30 a.m.-12 noon and 2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Dental Clinic

Those clinics marked with an asterisk are outside this district available to its inhabitants. There seems to me to be a need for a centre for the treatment of venereal disease nearer than Hammersmith Paddington.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Co. supplies the greater part of the district. A great many of the houses in the Harmondsworth Ward still obtain their water supply from wells.

All water supplied is subject to sterilization by the chlorine ammonia process, which has proved to be entirely satisfactory, and this process will be continued.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Middlesex County Council supervise all watercourses in theCounty with the exception of the Thames and the Lea. The Public Health Department received no notification during 1939 of any pollution of rivers or streams.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

All closets are connected to the main sewers excepting in the areas known as Little Britain, Stockley, the Common, West Drayton, and parts of the Parish of Harmondsworth, which have cesspools and earth buckets. Every house connected to the sewers has a water closet provided with a proper flushing apparatus, except in the case of Harmondsworth, where some are still hand flushed.

The cleansing of all cesspools in the district is undertaken by the Council by means of a vacuum cesspool emptying plant.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

House refuse was removed fortnightly in the Parishes of Yiewsley and West Drayton by two low-loading type horse-drawn dust carts (Messrs. Tuke & Bell Pattern), and disposed of at Royal Lane, Yiewsley and Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton until September.

The house refuse of Harmondsworth was removed fortnightly by contract and disposed of at tips in Harmondsworth until September.

From September the whole of the refuse of the area was disposed of by incineration in the Feonix Incinerator at the Council Depot which was installed at a cost of £2,000.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

RECORD OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Dwelling Houses	No. of Inspection
Total Houses inspected under the Public Health Acts	178
Total Houses inspected under the Housing Acts	150
Houses - Let in Lodgings	5
After Infectious Disease	54
Overcrowding	97
Complaints received and attended to	55
Drainage Inspections	52
Offensive Trades	3
Tents, Vans and Sheds	105
Stables and Stable Yards	4
Piggeries	11
Factories (with power)	4
Factories (without power)	9
Laundries	2
Bakehouses	2
Public Conveniences	6
Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	13
Schools	33
Shops Acts - Office Hours	245
Shops Acts - After Office Hours	306
Vacant Land and Dumps	56
Common Yards and Passages	12
Revisits to Premises under Notice	517
Interviews with Owners, etc.	279
Smoke Abatement	9
Verminous Premises or Rooms	35
Slum Clearance Revisits	23
Petrol Installations	36
Miscellaneous Visits	300
Meat and Foods:-	
Slaughterhouses	730
Butchers' Shops and Stalls	52
Fishmongers and Poulterers	11
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	15
Grocers and other Food Shops	10
Fried Fish Shops	4
Dairies and Milkshops	10
Cowsheds	22
Ice Cream Premises	3
Restaurants and Dining Rooms	5
Street Hawkers and Vendors	2
Water Samples	2
Total Visits	3,467

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT.

Houses:-	
Roofs Repaired	50
Walls Repaired	54
Floors Repaired	26
Ceilings	74
Windows	37
Fireplaces	15
Cooking Ranges	4
Coppers	7
Sinks (Provision of)	1
Sinks (Repairs and Renewals)	10
Repairs to Water Supplies	13
Rainwater Pipes	14
Eaves Guttering	11
Food Stores	10
Sashcords	17
Stairs	12
Doors	15
Woodwork	27
Coalhouses	1
Chimney Stacks	16
Yards and Passages	13
Wallplaster	33
Dampness Abated	63
Cleansed	9
Sink Waste Pipes	10
Handrails Fixed	9
Additional Lighting	1
Additional Ventilation	10
Miscellaneous	28
Drainage:-	
Drains Cleared	12
Drains Repaired	5
Drains Relaid	2
Other Defects	12
Water Closets:-	
Cleared	1
Repaired	18
Cleansed	2
New Pedestals	5
Cisterns (Repair and Renewal)	1
New W.C.s provided	6
Dustbins:-	
New Provided	152
Miscellaneous:-	
Offensive Accummulations	6
Animals	4
Verminous Rooms	28
Contraventions:-	
Slaughterhouses	3

Food Premises	5
Piggeries	4
Workshops	2
Workplaces	3
Shops Acts	10
Fried Fish Shops	3
Total Defects Remedied	764

NOTICES SERVED.

Informal Notices:-	
Public Health Acts	141
Housing Acts	40
Shops Acts	24
Food & Drugs Act	5
Statutory Notices:-	
Publi Health Acts	18
Housing Acts	-
Shops Acts	-
Food & Drugs Act	-
Number of Notices Complied with	204

SHOPS ACTS 1912 - 1936

During the year under review 551 visits were made in connection with the above Acts and the following work has been carried out:-

Suitable and sufficient washing facilities provided	8
Cleansing of Sanitary Accommodation	8
Means for maintaining a reasonable temperature provided	8
To provide the necessary notices	8
Cautions sent to Traders for being open after the permitted hours.	7

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

It was not found necessary to take any action during the year as this nuisance is practically non-existent in this district.

CAMPING SITES
SWIMMING BATHS
ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No important change from last year.

HOUSING.

The number of houses erected during the year by private enterprise total 69. The Council's Housing Schemes consist of 1,579 houses, all of which are occupied.

NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES IN YIEWSLEY - 1167.

Types as follows:-

4	Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	16/- per week incl.
293	Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	13/- "
657	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	11/6 "
97	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	10/9 "
16	Flats (2 bedrooms) at	10/6 "
8	Dwellings for Aged Persons (1 living and 1 bedroom) at	5/- "
24	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	8/- "
52	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	8/6 "
15	Non-Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	9/- "
1	Non-Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	13/- "

NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES IN WEST DRAYTON - 256.

Types as follows:-

6	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	10/9 per week incl.
22	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	13/6 "
10	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	12/- "
10	Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	15/6 "
1	Parlour (5 bedrooms) at	16/6 "
2	Non-Parlour (1 bedroom) at	6/9 "
28	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	8/6 "
31	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	9/6 "
7	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	11/6 "
1	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	11/- "
12	Non-Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	11/6 "
36	Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	13/- "
16	Parlour (5 bedrooms) at	14/3 "
2	Parlour (6 bedrooms) at	15/- "
72	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	13/- "

NUMBER OF COUNCIL HOUSES IN HARMONDSWORTH - 156.

Types as follows:-

16	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	9/9 per week incl.
22	Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	13/3 "
16	Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	14/- "
60	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	11/- "
16	Non-Parlour (2 bedrooms) at	7/- "
12	Non-Parlour (3 bedrooms) at	7/6 "
7	Non-Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	8/- "
6	Dwellings for Aged Persons (1 living and 1 bedroom) at	5/- "
1	Non-Parlour (4 bedrooms) at	12/6 "

The following table shows the various Acts under which the Council houses have been erected.

1919 Act.	Yiewsley	258	
	West Drayton	10	
	Sipson	22	290
1923 Act.	West Drayton		38
1924 Act.	Yiewsley	661	
	Sipson	92	
	Yiewsley (Dwellings for Aged People)	8	761
1925 Act.	Yiewsley	148	
	Harmondsworth (Dwellings for Aged People)	6	154
1930 Act.	Yiewsley	92	
	Harmondsworth	36	128
1936 Act.	West Drayton		72
	Sections 106-8 (Over-crowding)		70
	Section 105 (Slum Clearance)		66
			1,579

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 32

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 1,08

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 9

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 18

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation NI

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 5

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 8

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	NIL
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	25
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	22
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	NIL

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	NIL
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	NIL

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	NIL
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	NIL

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV, Overcrowding:-

Particulars not available.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are three cowkeepers in the district. The bulk of the milk consumed comes from farms outside the area. These premises together with the dairies and milk shops are inspected regularly and are kept in a clean condition. There are twenty-four retail purveyors of milk registered to sell within the Urban District and of these eight are from adjoining areas who sell milk on rounds within the district. The following shows the number of licensed distributors under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

Designation	No. of Persons Licensed
Pasteurised	14
Tuberculin Tested	7

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year 132 premises, where food is prepared for sale, or sold, have been inspected and the following work has been carried out as a result of informal action:-

Walls and ceilings cleansed	15
Utensils cleansed	3
Floors repaired	1
Offensive Accumulations removed	1
Running hot water provided	1
Nuisances from flies abated	2
Sanitary Conveniences disconnected from rooms	1
W.C.s repaired	1

730 visits were made to slaughterhouses and 9,973 carcases were inspected.

During the year 13 tons 18 cwts. of food was condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

The following table shows the reasons for condemnation:-

Tuberculosis.	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Calves	Total
Whole carcases & organs	10	84	-	7	101
Heads and Tongues	57	149	-	-	206
Hearts	-	-	-	-	-
Livers	26	142	-	-	168
Lungs (pairs)	75	137	-	-	212
Forequarters	4	-	-	-	4
Hindquarters	1	-	-	-	1
Buttocks	2	-	-	-	2
Udders	1	-	-	-	1
Mesenteries & intestines	12	-	-	-	12

Other Diseases.

Pigs.

Pleurisy	14 lungs (pairs)
Pericarditis	10 hearts
Erysipelas	8 whole carcases and organs
Emaciation	5 whole carcases and organs
Echinococcus cysts	1 pair of lungs, 1 liver
Pneumonia	11 lungs (pairs)
Necrosis	2 livers
Cirrhosis	16 livers
Abscesses	1 leg of Pork, 2 heads
Suffocation	4 whole carcases and organs
Jaundice	1 whole carcase and organs
Swine Fever	1 whole carcase and organs
Actinomycosis	Udder Tissue (1)

Beasts.

Bruising	2 carcases and organs
Pneumonia	8 lungs (pairs)
Echinococcus cysts	1 pair lungs
Cirrhosis	2 livers
Abscesses	2 livers, 1 kidney
Cavernous Angioma	6 livers
Distoma	14 livers

Sheep.

Caseous Lyphadanitis	1 whole carcase and organs

CARCASES INSPECTED.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number inspected	621	1,181	239	9,975

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1939

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	26	23	-
Diphtheria	20	20	1
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Pneumonia	13	Unknown	-
Erysipelas	1	Unknown	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	5	Unknown	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	4	-

ANALYSIS OF INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN RELATION TO CERTAIN AGE-GROUPS.

Disease	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & Over	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	2	3	3	2	7	6	-	1	-	-	-	24
Diphtheria	1	-	1	2	-	7	4	2	1	-	-	-	18
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	4	2	12
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	5
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

ANALYSIS OF THE MOST PREVALENT NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OVER PAST FOUR YEARS.

	1936	1937	1938	1939
Scarlet Fever	108	42	70	26
Diphtheria	25	9	19	20
Pneumonia	15	17	8	13
Erysipelas	4	5	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	5	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS

ANALYSIS OF NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 "	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25-35 "	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
35-45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55 "	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 "	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7	3	3	-	1	1	-	-

A slight increase in the number of cases were recorded during the year. I am not aware of any excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area.

Before concluding this Report I desire to place on record my appreciation of the help I have received from Mr. W. H. Wright, the Sanitary Inspector, and for his assistance in the compilation of this Report.

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I also wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, and in particular the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the invaluable consideration and support which the Department has received throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

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